

A Message from Governor Haley Barbour

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I regret I've been "weathered out" today and can't join you in person for this announcement. But be assured I am very pleased the American Contract Bridge League is relocating its headquarters to Horn Lake, Mississippi. This is certainly good news for Horn Lake, DeSoto County, and Mississippi as a whole.

I know the 70 or so jobs you are bringing to Mississippi and your \$3 million investment will return huge benefits both to the League and the state. We're flattered by the confidence you've shown in Mississippi by moving your headquarters here.

I often speak of Mississippi's diverse economy – automotive manufacturing, aerospace, energy, agriculture, national defense, and others. Having the ACBL – one of the largest bridge organizations in the world – certainly adds to that diverse culture.

We hope you find your new home in Mississippi warm and welcoming; in fact, I know you will. And I look forward to visiting with you personally very soon.

Thank you.